



Minutes

Youth Council Committee
Tuesday 27 October 2015
4.00pm-5.00pm

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE	
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5	Youth Week 2016
6	Area Health/Council Scholarship Program
7	General Business
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ITEM 1: PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Cllr Inzitari, Carol Brodie, Thomas Bond, Benjawan Bansuntiah, Leanne Walding, Melissa Besley, Rachael Besley and Laura Pillans – Lithgow Mercury (guest).

APOLOGIES: Cllr McAndrew, Mayor Maree Statham, Juli-Ann Brozek, Jessie Luchetti, Jesse Grant and Daniel Whiteman.

OFFICERS: Matthew Johnson and Melanie Jones.

ITEM 2: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2015 were ratified via email by 3 committee members, and were reported to Council on 26 October 2015.

MOVED: Thomas Bond

SECONDED: Leanne Walding

ITEM 3: BUSINESS ARISING

LITHGOW MEN'S SHED BUILDING

At previous meetings the issue was raised regarding improving the Men's Shed Building which faces into the pool (The old pool entry). The committee discussed the possibility of engaging young people to paint a mural or running a competition as part of YouthWeek. Ideas include running an annual competition as part of Youthweek calling for young people to come up with themes and artwork, with winning designs being displayed on panels along the wall for the year. Another suggestion was to engage an artist to run a workshop and the designs will decorate the wall.

ACTION

THAT Council staff, in conjunction with the Youth Council look into painting a mural or artwork to improve the appearance of the old pool entry which faces into the pool.

MOVED: Carol Brodie

SECONDED: Melissa Besley

ITEM 4: SKATE PARK SHADES

Council is seeking design ideas and suggestions from Youth Council prior to the installation of shade structures at the Lithgow Skate Park in the current year. At the previous meeting the committee agreed that if possible, shade structures should be colourful and bright, similar to those at Queen Elizabeth Park, and requested that further consultation be undertaken with skate park users. Some members of the committee verbally sought feedback from regular users of the skate park for their ideas and thoughts, and they were overall not in favour of the structure at all. Their preference was to add an additional shade area with more tables and seats. The feedback has been passed on to relevant Council staff.

ACTION

THAT the discussion about skate park structures is noted.

MOVED: Thomas Bond

SECONDED: Carol Brodie

ITEM 5: YOUTHWEEK 2016

Youth Council discussed options for Youthweek 2016 events including a 'Battle of the Bands' music event or a Colour Run. At a previous meeting the Committee decided that a Colour/Dye Hard Run is the option they would like to begin planning for Youthweek next year. After investigation into the cost of a Dye Hard Run, it was decided by the committee to put feelers out for sponsorship and interest in the event. If at the end of November, there is not a large amount of interest and some additional funding, the committee have decided to pursue option 2, which is a bands/music day at Queen Elizabeth Park.

ACTION

THAT the discussion about planning for Youthweek 2016 is noted, and Council staff investigate possible sponsorship for the Youthweek 2016 event.

MOVED: Carol Brodie

SECONDED: Thomas Bond

ITEM 6: AREA HEALTH/COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The committee discussed the potential to develop a tertiary scholarship program for young people within the Lithgow LGA. It was decided that the committee will initially need to identify skill gaps within the area. Speech Therapy was suggested as a potential area that is lacking within Lithgow and surrounds. The committee would like to invite local health and education organisations such as the University of Notre Dame, University of Western Sydney, Community Health and Westfund to attend a Youth Council meeting early next year so the committee can present ideas and obtain feedback.

ACTION

THAT the Youth Council Committee invite local health and education organisations to attend a meeting in early 2016 to discuss the development of a tertiary scholarship program.

MOVED: Melissa Besley

SECONDED: Rachael Besley

ITEM 7: GENERAL BUSINESS

RYDAL SHOW SOCIETY YOUTH GROUP EVENT

Information was presented about a Gymkhana Event that Rydal Show Society Youth Group is hosting on Saturday 21 November. .

ACTION

THAT the discussion about the Rydal Show Society Youth Group event is noted.

MOVED: Leanne Walding

SECONDED: Carol Brodie

ITEM 8: NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: Tuesday 24 November 2015 at 4.00pm in the Council Chambers – Lithgow City Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.55pm